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Mr. Blumenfeld,

Hello. I'm a reporter with Environment & Energy Publishing, an online group at [eenews.net](http://eenews.net). I am working on a piece about Lt. Gov. Newsom that includes his record on environmental issues. As you can see below, Rhys Williams suggested that I speak with you for more information and for balance, as I spoke to someone who was very critical of the former mayor's record. I'm up against a tight deadline and have not heard back from an earlier email I sent to Ms. Zito -- I'm sure she's very busy or maybe it went to spam -- so trying this route.

Would you have time to talk Monday afternoon? I'm also open this afternoon but know that's short notice.

I am at 202 368-7133

Thanks much,

Anne

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Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 5:52 PM  
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Subject: Re: enviro stats from mayoral administration

Re SF Mayoral record, speak with Jared Blumenfeld, a former advisor. You can arrange through [Zito.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:Zito.kelly@epa.gov) to schedule a time.

Re. BDCP:

The Lt. Governor has some reservations regarding cost and environmental damage, but believes that the Governor is uniquely position to figure this out.

Re. HSR:

The Lt. Governor's concerns are with the project's current financing plan. The Lt. Governor was a major supporter when the proposal was put before voters but today's numbers don't reconcile.

Voters authorized \$9 billion in bonds and were told that the federal government and private investors would contribute the rest to make up the planned \$33 billion cost. That support hasn't materialized and the projected cost has more than doubled.

If the project can attract private investment, then that changes the game.

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On 2/23/15 7:13 PM, "Anne Mulkern" <[amulkern@eenews.net](mailto:amulkern@eenews.net)> wrote:

I can go over some of the specifics of this person's complaints with you

or someone else. I went through the list of accomplishments you gave me pretty much point by point, and he had comments / disagreements on several of them, about what actually happened, who deserves credit, areas where things weren't done (one big area of dispute centers around Clean Power San Francisco and how much Newsom supported or blocked it).

Can you or someone there answer questions about his positions on the Bay Delta tunnels and the high-speed rail project, where he seems to differ from Gov. Brown? those are pretty important issues going forward.

Or would he answer at least a few questions via email?

Thanks much,

Anne

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From: Rhys Williams [[rhys.williams@ltg.ca.gov](mailto:rhys.williams@ltg.ca.gov)]

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 9:56 PM

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Subject: Re: enviro stats from mayoral administration

I can't find time in the Lt. Governor's schedule but trying to find someone from his mayoral administration that does.

With regard to "all talk no action", that is nothing more than one opinion completely discredited by facts: California's largest municipal solar project, the nation's highest rate of recycling and waste diversion, 100 million fewer plastic bags annually, 100% of municipal electricity generated from carbon neutral sources, 100% of the City's public transit fleet running on alternative fuels, reduced citywide carbon emissions to 7% below 1990 levels, 25,000 trees planted. And so on, and on, and on.

On 2/23/15 1:57 PM, "Anne Mulkern" <[amulkern@eenews.net](mailto:amulkern@eenews.net)> wrote:

Rhys,

Thanks for this. I still have not heard back from the campaign folks re: an interview with Lt. Gov. Newsom. I did, however, interview someone with an environmental group in San Francisco who was very critical of Lt. Gov. Newsom's environmental record as SF mayor, who said that Newsom was "all talk and no action," and other criticisms. Given that, I'd really like to stress how important it is to talk to Lt. Gov. Newsom or at the very least, someone with the campaign who could respond to some of these statements for balance.

Could you reach out again and let me know? I need to finish this story, I've held it now for several more days to give the Newsom camp a chance to respond, especially given that we worked together with former pro tem Steinberg's office. But I'll have to go forward if I don't hear back by Wednesday.

Thanks much,

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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 9:08 PM

To: Anne Mulkern

Subject: FW: enviro stats from mayoral administration

Anne,

[A lot of] Info attached on the Lt. Governor's environmental legacy as mayor of San Francisco. It's extensive. Hope this is useful.

Rhys

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